



Regensburg, Bavaria Germany

The last couple months have been busy with birthday parties, church family fellowship and activities, and special events. Todd's basketball team was also in the play-offs (They won the league!). There have also been a lot of Bavarian holidays to keep track of. God is good, and our lives are not boring! With each warm day our cherries ripen. Gin looks forward to school break, and the boys enjoy all forms of water play.



Baptism:

In April, our church was able to celebrate the baptismal service for the father of our newest church family. The family started visiting in January. In February, the husband trusted Jesus as his Savior. The change in his life is unmistakable, and he is now serving the Lord with his whole heart. Realizing his infant baptism held no meaning, he approached us about doing it biblically this time. The service was held outdoors in a heated pool. Although it was cold, our hearts were "strahlend" (beaming). The service was well attended with the support of church families and some friends of the family. We enjoyed sweet fellowship afterwards *indoors!*

Freie Baptisten Gemeinde-Neutraubling:

Legal Requirements: The morning of the baptism, we held our first official meeting as an organized church. We did this to fulfill all legal requirements. We voted on different positions in the church (treasurer, secretary, etc.) as well as signing all legal documents. This was a big step for many and a year overdo!

Official church membership: On April 30 we held our official "church founding service" in a local restaurant. Representatives attended from the other four churches involved in establishing and supporting our church plant. Our members stood before the group to publicly sign our charter and then sing together. It was a great service that we will never forget.

New Meeting Place: There is so much going on in the church. In May we signed a contract for a new meeting place. Our need for more space has been obvious for several months. We found a space on a main road that more than doubles the space we have now. Some renovation will be needed to customize the space for our purposes (take down some walls, put up new ones, etc.). We anticipate holding our first service in late August/ early September. The new building is a stone's throw (literally) from our current building.

Book Table/BBQ Fest:

Every year our city holds a marathon. The start/ finish line is the parking lot in front of our church storefront. We set up a book table, offered free beverages and candy, handed out tracts, and passed out BBQ Fest flyers (June 17) to passersby.

Kids campfire:

On May 27 we took the church kids to the Danube River for some fellowship around a camp fire. Ten children came (including two visitors) and enjoyed s'mores and hot dogs like Americans. We shared a Bible story and sang together. It's always a "win" when our kids experience wholesome fun among Christians.